

Schedule of Open-to-the-Public Family Fishing Events 2016-2017

What: Chandler Safety Days

When: Saturday, November 5, 2016
8:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Where: Veterans Oasis Park
4050 E Chandler Heights Rd.
Chandler, AZ 85249

Comments: The City of Chandler and Arizona Game and Fish Department are happy to bring you free fishing during *Chandler Safety Days* at Veterans Oasis Park. Numerous fun, and family safety activities will be available! The AZGFD Sport Fishing Education Program and volunteer instructors will be on-hand to provide instruction, rods and reels to loan, and free bait while supplies last. Fishing license fees are waived for AZGFD registered participants during event hours. Grab your family and we'll see you there!

Contact: For more information please contact the Sport Fishing Education Program at (623) 236-7240.

What: Family Fishing Fun

When: Saturday, November 19, 2016
8:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Where: West Wetlands Pond
282 North 12th Ave.
Yuma, AZ 85364

Comments: Please join the Arizona Game and Fish Department and Yuma County, for a morning of family fun! The AZGFD Sport Fishing Education Program staff and volunteers will be providing loaner rods and bait for this event (or you may bring your own). Bring your family out to enjoy free fishing and instruction from AZGFD Staff and volunteers. The event is open to all ages. Fishing licenses are not required, during the planned hours of the event, for those who register at the Game & Fish Booth.

Contact: For more information please contact the Sport Fishing Education Program at (623) 236-7240.

What: Welcome Back the Trout

When: Saturday, November 22, 2016
4pm-6pm

Where: Tempe Town Lake
550 E. Tempe Town Lake- (enter event off of Scottsdale Rd and Rio Salado Pkwy.)
Tempe, AZ

Comments: Please join the AZGFD Sport Fishing Education Program and the City of Tempe for the annual *Welcome Back the Trout* event. Due to the lake being drained last year, we were unable to host the event. However, the lake is full again and trout will be stocked during the winter months once more! During the clinic hours, individuals may fish without a license once they register at the AZGFD booth. Trout will be stocked just prior to the event. The Arizona Game and Fish Department will have loaner rods and reels available for use and bait will be provided. Sport Fishing Education Program volunteer instructors will be available to provide assistance to novice anglers.

Contact: For more information please contact the Sport Fishing Education Program at (623)236-7240.

What: Town of Gilbert- Youth Fishing Day

When: Saturday, December 3, 2016
8:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Where: Freestone Pond
1045 E. Juniper Ave.
Gilbert, AZ. 85234

Comments: This family event is co-sponsored by the Town of Gilbert and Arizona Game and Fish. Sport Fishing Education Program staff and volunteer instructors will be on hand to provide loaner rods for the first 100 participants who don't have their own rod, as well as bait and fishing information. Come on out and bring the whole family. Fishing licenses are not required for those who register with Game & Fish staff during the planned hours of the event. See you there!

Contact: Jennifer Lauria, Gilbert Parks & Rec. at 480-503-6234 or the Sport Fishing Education Program at (623)236-7240 for more information.

What: 3rd Annual Brian Pinney Memorial Family Fishing Event

When: Saturday, December 10th, 2016
8:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Where: Hirsch Conservation Education Area (Biscuit Tank)-Ben Avery Shooting Facility
4044 W. Black Canyon Blvd.
Phoenix, AZ 85086

Comments: Get started in the heritage-rich sport of fishing for free, by bringing family and friends to the third annual Brian Pinney Memorial Fishing event. Please join the Sport Fishing Education staff and program volunteer instructors for a morning of fun fishing festivities. This event is for beginning and experienced anglers, and is located at the Hirsch Conservation Education Area (Biscuit Tank) at the Ben Avery Shooting Facility in Phoenix. We will have loaner rods available for use, or feel free to bring your own! Bait will be provided for this “**catch-and-release only**” activity. The entire event, including the use of loaner equipment, is free of charge!

Contact: For more information please contact the Sport Fishing Education Program at (623)236-7240.

What: City of Maricopa- Youth Fishing Day

When: Saturday, January 14th, 2017
8:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Where: Copper Sky Lake
45345 W. Martin Luther King Blvd.
Maricopa, AZ 85138

Comments: This family event is co-sponsored with the City of Maricopa and Arizona Game and Fish. Sport Fishing Education Program staff and volunteer instructors will be on hand to provide loaner rods for the first 100 participants who don't have their own rod, as well as bait and fishing information. Come on out and bring the whole family. Fishing licenses are not required for those who register with Game & Fish staff during the planned hours of the event. Hope to see you there!

Contact: For more information please contact the Sport Fishing Education Program at (623)236-7240.

What: Family Fishing Day

When: Saturday, January 28th, 2017
8:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Where: Red Mountain Lake
7745 E. Brown Rd. Mesa, AZ 85207

Comments: Come out and enjoy some family fun with the Arizona Game and Fish Department. The Sport Fishing Education program staff and volunteer instructors will be providing free fishing for everyone who signs in at the Game and Fish booth during event hours. Bait and loaner equipment will be available. This event is free of charge and open to all ages. Hope to see you there!

Contact: For more information please contact the Sport Fishing Education Program at (623)236-7240.

What: Youth and Family Fishing Day

When: Saturday, February 4th, 2017
9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Where: Anthem Community Park
41703 N Gavilan Peak Pkwy.
Anthem, AZ 85086

Comments: Come out and enjoy some family fun with the Arizona Game and Fish Department. The Sport Fishing Education program staff and volunteer instructors will be providing free fishing for everyone who signs in at the Game and Fish booth during event hours. Bait and loaner equipment will be available or you may bring your own. **This will be a “catch-and-release” only activity, and the use of barbless hooks is required.** It is free of charge and open to all ages. Hope to see you there!

Contact: For more information please contact the Sport Fishing Education Program at (623)236-7240.

What: Take a Kid Fishing Day

When: Saturday, February 11th, 2016
10:30 AM to 1:30 PM

Where: La Paz County Park
7350 Riverside Dr.
Parker, AZ 85344

Comments: This is the 38th Annual *Take a Fishing Day* celebration and is a community partnership event between the Arizona Game and Fish Department, Take a Kid Fishing Organization, and the City of Parker. This event is for beginning and experienced anglers. Loaner rods are available for use, or feel free to bring your own. Bait will be provided and you do not need to possess a fishing license to participate. The cost of the event is free. Bring your family out and join the fun.

Contact: For more information please contact the Take a Kid Fishing Program at weshontz@yahoo.com or the Sport Fishing Education Program at (623)236-7240.

What: Just for Kids Fishing Festival

When: Saturday, February 25th, 2017
8:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Where: Kiwanis Park
5500 S. Mill Ave.
Tempe, AZ 85283

Comments: This is the 26th Annual *Just for Kids Fishing Festival* celebration and is a community partnership event between the Arizona Game and Fish Department, Anglers United, and the City of Tempe. This event is for beginning and experienced anglers. The Sport Fishing Education program staff and volunteer instructors will be providing free fishing for everyone who signs in at the Game and Fish booth during event hours. Bait and loaner equipment will be available or you may bring your own. The cost of the event is free. Bring your family out and join the fun!

Contact: For more information please contact the Sport Fishing Education Program at (623)236-7240.

What: Youth Fishing Day

When: Saturday, April 8th, 2017
8AM-1PM

Where: Bonsall Pond
5840 W. Bethany Home Rd.
Glendale, AZ 85301

Comments: The Arizona Game and Fish will be working with the City of Glendale to provide a day of free, family fishing and fun. Up to 1,000 youth licenses will be given out free, on a first-come, first-serve basis. In addition, Game and Fish staff from the Sport Fishing Education Program and volunteer instructors will be on hand to provide tips on fishing and answer your angling questions. Bring your own equipment or there will be loaner rods available. Participants, who register at the Game and Fish booth, will be provided bait and will not need a fishing license during the hours of the event.

Contact: For more information please contact the Sport Fishing Education Program at (623)236-7240.

What: Family Fishing Event

When: Saturday, May 20th, 2017
7:00 AM to 11:00 AM

Where: Kiwanis Park
5500 S. Mill Ave.
Tempe, AZ 85283

Comments: The Arizona Game and Fish Department will be providing families with some fishing fun, in conjunction with the Angelman Syndrome Foundation Walk 2017. The Walk will be going on for most of the day at Kiwanis Park, but for a few hours in the morning, families can come enjoy some free fishing. The Sport Fishing Education program staff and volunteer instructors will be providing free fishing for everyone who signs in at the Game and Fish booth during event hours. Bait and loaner equipment will be available or you may bring your own. The cost of the event is free. Bring your family out and join the fun!

Contact: For more information please contact the Sport Fishing Education Program at (623)236-7240.

What: Free Fishing Day!

When: Saturday, June 3rd, 2017
8:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Where: Goldwater Lake
2900 S. Goldwater Lake Rd.
Prescott, AZ 86303

Comments: As part of the National Free Fishing Day, the Arizona Game and Fish Department is planning a day of free fishing for the whole family. The Arizona Game & Fish Department Sport Fishing Education Program staff and volunteer instructors will be on hand to assist anglers. Bait will be provided and loaner rods will be available for those participants who sign in at the Game and Fish booth. This is a great time to bring the kids out for a nice day of fishing.

Contact: For more information please call the Kingman Office of the Arizona Game and Fish at 928-692-7700 or the Sport Fishing Education Program at 623-236-7240.